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SUBJECT: LOS: POSSIBLE EFFORT INVITE PRG TO PARTI-
CIPATE IN LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE

REF: (A) USUN 4378; (B) STATE 051556, MARCH 1973
(C) STATE 064695, APRIL 1973
(D) DEPT A-4318, MAY L7, 1973

1. ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD RAISE ISSUE OF POSSIBLE PRG INVITATION TO LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) CONFERENCE WITH HOST GOVTS, UNLESS YOU BELIEVE SUCH APPROACH WOULD BE IN-ADVISABLE. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING ARGUMENTATION AS APPROPRIATE RATHER THAN THAT CONTAINED IN REF(A).

A. DECISION BY GA TO INVITE PRG TO LOS CONFERENCE WOULD BE SERIOUS MATTER WHICH USG WOULD VIEW WITH GREAT CONCERN.

B. PRG IS NOT A STATE, IT IS A POLITICAL GROUP CLAIMING TO BE GOVT OF STATE. IF PRG WERE TO BE INVITED, ALL KINDS OF OTHER CLAIMANTS COULD LOGICALLY ALSO BE INVITED. (FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON THIS POINT, SEE REFS (B), (C) AND (D).

C. THIS QUESTION HAS NO BUSINESS BEING DISCUSSED IN CONTEXT OF LOS CONFERENCE AND TO DO SO WOULD OF COURSE BE GROSS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

D. THERE IS ONLY ONE SOUTH VIETNAM, AND UNDER VIENNA FORMULA (DUE TO ITS MEMBERSHIP IN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES) CONFIDENTIAL

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GVN WILL BE AT LOS CONFERENCE. QUESTION OF PRG PARTICIPATION IS NOT, THEREFORE, A QUESTION OF CREDENTIALS, I.E., WHO IS TO REPRESENT SOUTH VIETNAM. THOSE WHO ARE ADVOCATING AN INVITATION TO PRG ARE TRYING TO CREATE A UNIQUE SITUATION (AND INCIDENTALLY ONE WHICH MANY OF THEM OPPOSED IN THE CASE OF CHINA), OF TWO GOVTS TO REPRESENT ONE COUNTRY.

E. IF YOU BELIEVE IT HELPFUL, YOU CAN POINT OUT THAT
US HAS NOT OPPOSED AND IS NOT OPPOSING PARTICIPATION
OF DRV (NORTH VIETNAM) AT THE LOS CONFERENCE, EVEN
THOUGH WE HAVE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES WITH DRV. WE
RECOGNIZE THAT THEY HAVE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS IN LAW
OF THE SEA AND HAVE NOT OPPOSED HAVING THEM INVITED.

2. FYI. IT NOW APPEARS THAT PLENARY VOTE ON LOS
CONFERENCE RESOLUTION WILL NOT OCCUR BEFORE END OF WEEK
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 5. END FYI.

3. FOR BUENOS AIRES: ASSUME SHIFT FROM ABSTENTION TO
NEGATIVE VOTE BY GOA WOULD REQUIRE INSTRUCTION FROM
VIGNES. THEREFORE SUGGEST ABOVE DEMARCHE BE MADE ONLY
IF EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS REAL POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS.
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